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NEW ECONOMIC PLAN FOR CHINA

"Fundamental And Permanent Cure" For Crisis To Be Submitted By Premier

Nanking, June 9. Premier Chang Chun, in an interview with the official Central Daily News, described today a new economic plan which, when drafted, will present a "fundamental and permanent cure" for the Chinese economic crisis. Gen. Chang disclosed he will submit the plan to the State Council for discussion at the Council's next meeting on June 20.

Street Fighting In Italy

Rome, June 9. More than a score of people were injured yesterday in a series of street fights between Rightist and Leftist political factions in cities from the north to south of Italy. The most serious clash occurred at Cernusco in the Po Valley where hundreds of Communists barred the streets throughout the day to prevent the "Common Man" Party from holding a scheduled provincial congress which was postponed indefinitely. The local police elements were overcome by the rioters and the Mayor had to call in Army units with armoured cars to restore order. In Florence, other Rightist members of the "Italian Social Movement," a faction of the "Common Man" Party, also were attacked by Leftists. Fighting broke out as the Rightists attempted to leave their meeting hall and continued into the centre of the city before the police were able to bring it under control. Political street fighting also occurred in Naples when a university professor and former Fascist was attacked by another professor of Leftist tendencies. — United Press.

U.S. Woman Shot Dead In Tokyo

Tokyo, June 9. The body of an American woman with two bullet holes through the head was found early today by the Japanese Police in the Nakano Ward, about six miles from city's centre. American authorities declined identification or further details. Military Police are investigating. The woman apparently was 33 years old. Unconfirmed reports said she was a Russian-born American citizen who at one time had been employed in a liaison position, working with the Russians at the International Military Tribunal. The same reports said she left this job at the end of the year and took a position with the Reparations Division of SCAP's Economic Scientific Section. — Associated Press.

REFERENDUM IN SPAIN

Madrid, June 9. The Spanish Government today issued a decree announcing that a referendum will be held on July 6 to decide whether the nation desires to retain the present regime or to establish a Monarchy will be installed only when Generalissimo Francisco Franco desires it. The decree, issued over General Franco's signature, was based on a law passed on Oct. 22, 1946. Balloting will be secret but voters would be limited strictly to expressing their rejection or approval of the law of succession approved by the Cortes on Saturday. — United Press.

Fate Worse Than Death

London, June 9. A fate worse than death to a Guardsman befell a member of the Household Cavalry today when he fainted right in front of a young woman wearing an armband inscribed "HRH Princess Elizabeth." The Guardsman fell flat on his back during a rehearsal of the brilliant ceremony of the Trooping of the Colour which is being held on Thursday in observance of the King's birthday. This year, 150 American airmen will be among the guests of honour. — United Press.

STORM HITS SHANGHAI

Shanghai, June 9. Sampans in the Whangpoo River captured, destroyed and a considerable part of the city flooded when a violent storm struck Shanghai today. At the height of the storm, which raged for 12 hours, the wind reached a velocity of 80 knots and light traffic found it impossible to make headway along the Bund. All air and shipping services were held up until the blue passed. — Reuter.

Reparation Order Of Preference

Tokyo, June 9. SCAP today announced the State Department reparations directive implementing the Far Eastern Commission's policy for Japan and outlining a triple graduation in priority. The directive specified the following order of preference in the selection of particular plants, machinery and equipment for removal: (1) Plants and equipment owned by the "Zaidaiens," wealthy Japanese family combines, which pre-war and during the war furnished the industrial backbone of Japan's war effort, and those of other big industrial financial concerns. (2) Plants and equipment owned by other Japanese nationals and the Japanese Government and by nationals and governments of countries which were Japan's allies. (3) Property of nationals of members of the United Nations. — United Press.

Another Strike By Students

Shanghai, June 9. Student agitations, brewing over the past week due to the refusal of the authorities to release the arrested "campus Communist agents," threatened to break out anew as the Shanghai Students Federation called a general strike on Tuesday to demand unconditional liberation of the arrested men, who have been detained since the night of May 31. The Federation also plans to organize small units in various parts of the city for the purpose of "pleading and complaining" to the public their grievances. However, according to the present plans, the students will keep clear of all political issues and demand only: 1. unconditional release of the arrested and "missing" students; 2. immediate halt of illegal arrests and a guarantee of the security and safety of the students. Meanwhile, professors of the National Chiao Tung University passed a resolution to continue to strike in support of the student demands. — United Press.

Cholera On "Andre Lebon"

The 300-odd steerage passengers who arrived by the French luxury liner "Andre Lebon" from Saigon on Friday were in for a spell of hard luck as four days after arrival the ship is still at Stonecutters flying the quarantine flag. It is understood she will have to undergo at least another five more days' segregation. Cause of the whole trouble was the discovery of several cholera cases on board. It is reported that yesterday a fresh case was discovered and removed to hospital on shore. This means the ship will have to tie up another five days before she can sail for Shanghai. She was originally to have left tomorrow. The vessel arrived on Friday with a full list of passengers, including a large number of transit passengers. The cabin class passengers were allowed to land on Saturday, but those in the steerage are being kept on board by order of the Port Health Officer and have no contact with relatives and friends ashore.

Registration Of Imports, Exports

The Imports and Exports Department wishes to call the attention of import and export firms to the necessity of registering all goods imported and exported to and from the Colony by sea, land and air. By Section 3 of the Registration of Imports and Exports Regulations made under Section 3 of the Registration of Imports and Exports Ordinance, No. 12 of 1922, every person who imports any article into the Colony (other than personal baggage) is required to furnish an import declaration on Form 1 within 72 hours of the importation being made. In the case of exports, a person who exports any article by sea, land or air (other than personal baggage) is similarly required by Section 4 to furnish within 48 hours a declaration on Form 2 in respect of each article or consignment exported. Articles covered by the Prohibited Export Order or howsoever do not require an additional declaration on this form, for the export licence, when issued, serves as an export declaration. The information supplied by these declarations provides the detailed data from which is compiled the monthly and annual statistics of Imports and Exports of this Colony. These are of immense value not only to overseas Governments but to the commercial community in Hong Kong and in many other cities throughout the world. It is therefore particularly important that these statistics should be as complete and accurate as possible and published without delay. Many firms have hitherto been lax in submitting their import and export declarations. This means not only delay in the compilation of statistics but the expenditure of much time and labour by the clerical staff employed in checking de-

H.K. MACHINERY IN JAPAN

Tokyo, June 9. SCAP has directed the Japanese Government to make an inventory of machinery and instruments, including milling machines, and electric furnaces, which were removed and shipped to Japan from the South China iron works during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong. — Associated Press.

Moslems Debating Partition

New Delhi, June 9. Disorders broke out in the Imperial Hotel grounds today as the Moslem League Council convened in the Hotel's ballroom to act on the British plan to partition India. The Khaksars, members of an anti-League Moslem organisation, rushed into the grounds shouting slogans. They skinned the green-coated guards and with the police, clad in Arab costumes with horsehair collars around their hats, finally were hauled off in police vans. The Khaksars, who denounced the League for its part in framing a plan that would reduce territory in the Pakistan originally demanded by the Moslems. They called for adherence to the boundaries demanded originally. An informed source predicted that the Council, the League's delegate body, would accept the partition plan by tonight or Tuesday morning. — Associated Press.

LABOUR CRISIS IN SHANGHAI?

Shanghai, June 9. Shanghai is threatened with another serious labour crisis as a result of the refusal of factory owners to accept the high May cost-of-living index as the basis for payment of workers. Following a protracted emergency meeting, the Shanghai Industrial and Commercial Association—central organisation of the city's Chinese factory proprietors—announced today that they would accept the index (reckoned on prevailing prices in 1936) if the Government reduced the basic wages of labourers to the 1936 level, which would mean an average reduction of 100 per cent. They explained that such a measure was absolutely necessary if many small enterprises were to be saved from bankruptcy, threatened by the high May index of 23,500. The announcement came while the Bureau of Social Affairs was mediating in at least seven big labour disputes, involving textile, paper, rubber and match industries, all of which pleaded inability to pay according to the index. Following the issue of this announcement, a deputation of industrialists called on the Minister of Economic Affairs, Mr. Chen Chien, who is at present visiting Shanghai, and gave a first-hand account of the precarious condition of most factories here. Among other things, they pointed out that while the cost-of-living index was mounting unchecked and the people's purchasing power was shrinking rapidly, both working hours and facilities for acquiring raw materials and exporting finished products were considerably below what they were before the war.

"Mutiny" By Ceylon Troops

Colombo, June 9. About 500 men of the Royal Army Service Corps of the Ceylon Command were reported to have "mutinied" yesterday at Kirillapone camp, about six miles from Colombo, complaining of bad treatment by some British officers and objecting to being used to break up the Ceylonese strikes. Military police were sent to the spot and restored order. Several Ceylon personnel were taken into custody. Military authorities said today that there had been a "minor incident" at the camp and that had been satisfactorily settled. A court of inquiry was now sitting. Official details would not be available until the inquiry is finished. A military spokesman said later that the incident was trifling and the situation was perfectly quiet now. — Reuter.

FLOOD HAVOC IN UNITED STATES

St. Louis, Mo., June 8. A great flood rolled down this Mississippi River valley today, smashed through levees, surged into towns and covered thousands of acres of farmlands. Fed by rain-swollen tributaries, the Mississippi reached an all-time high crest of 23.6 feet at Quincy. Two other towns, Hannibal and Louisiana, Missouri, were the next danger spots. It was estimated 10,000 were homeless in the three-state area of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, most of them in the city of Ottumwa, Iowa. In the Pacific Northwest, flash-floods hit sections of Washington and Oregon. The Maryland town of Hagerstown was also hit by a flash-flood. A total of 16 lives was taken in floods and tornadoes hitting four small towns in Ohio and Pennsylvania yesterday. Red Cross, Army and Navy personnel aided municipal officials in evacuating families from the Mississippi lowlands. Levees near St. Francisville and Alexandria, Missouri, burst with the flood, surging into the streets, but most people had been evacuated earlier. Two levees gave way near Quincy, Illinois, flooding the city and fanning out over farmlands in a strip three miles wide and 15 miles long. Ottumwa, Iowa, a city of 30,000, was the hardest hit. Six thousand persons were forced from their homes. There were eight dead. The water was six feet deep in the streets; public buildings, churches and barns were filled with refugees while lights, power and gas were cut off. Coast Guardsmen joined in evacuating those still in town, although the water was beginning to recede. — United Press.

Pre-War Resort To Reopen

Another of the Colony's popular pre-war bathing resorts will be available to the general public before the end of the month, according to the plans of the Hong Kong and Yau Ma Tei Ferry Company. The two bathing pavilions which the Company operated in Lantau Island's Silvermine Bay, have been repaired, and negotiations are now in progress between the ferry company and the Dairy Farm for the latter organisation to take over the management of the two pavilions. The negotiations are expected to be completed before the end of the month. At present the ferry company operates a service to Silvermine Bay twice daily and from the Bay three times a day, at 50 cents per single trip per head.

THE WEATHER

A weak anticyclone over Korea and the Sea of Japan is moving N.E. Pressure is also moderately high to the E of Luzon. It is low over the whole of China, with a deep depression centred over the Lower Yangtze, and moving N.E. Troughs extend from this centre, eastward to the Bonins and southward to Tonkin. Today's Forecast: Moderate to fresh S.W. winds, partly cloudy, with occasional showers; very warm. Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 86.0 deg. F. Minimum: 60.0 deg. F. Sunshine: 0.5 hour. Rainfall: 0.1 mm. Total since Jan. 1—714.7 mm. as against an average of 504.3 mm. Readings at 10 a.m. 1002.9 1000.1 m.b. Baro. at m.s.l. 29.80 29.82 inches. Rel. Humidity 88 88 % Dew Point 72.5 79 74 deg. F. Wind Direction S.W. S.W. Wind Force 50 14

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THE ONLY WAY?

London, June 9. The notice at the exit of the Conservative Party's exhibition at Dorland Hall said today: "Turn right, it is the only way out." — United Press.

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"We, The Women Of Britain"

"What A Piece Of Impertinence," Says Sir Hartley Shawcross, Labour M.P.

Russia, Yugoslavia Relations

Belgrade, June 8. Marshal Tito, the Yugoslav Premier, during a luncheon given in honour of the Rumanian Premier, Dr. Petru Groza, said the conditions were being created for still closer political, economic and cultural relations between Rumania and Yugoslavia.

He said: "To deepen and strengthen our relations, to accomplish economic and political cooperation, means at the same time to achieve stability, and it also means a great contribution to the strengthening of the peace of the world and to a victory of peace over war-mongers."

Dr. Groza, who is leading the Rumanian delegation to Belgrade, said:

"After this war, we see that imperialist tendencies have not disappeared. We know this, but we are likewise convinced that, with the cooperation of all peace-loving forces in the world, a realisation of these tendencies may be prevented."—Reuter.

Polish Terrorists Arrested?

London, June 8. The Polish Ministry of National Security issued a communique stating that several members of a terrorist organisation, headed by General Wladyslaw Anders' freedom and independence movement, had been apprehended, Warsaw Radio said tonight.

Quoting the communique, the radio said: "Members of this organisation have supplied intelligence to their centre abroad and have organised terrorist acts against members of the Government administration."

"This underground organisation was also engaged in subversive activities, trying to incite workers to strike and tried to establish footholds in mass working organisations in order to sabotage the economic restoration of the country."

"The organisation also engaged in anti-Soviet propaganda, and also collected information concerning military matters."

General Anders, former commander of the Polish 2nd Corps in Italy, was alleged to have ordered the setting up of the underground organisation "Freedom and Independence" at the treason trial for 10 Poles held in Warsaw last January.—Reuter.

OVERDOSE OF DRUGS

Paris, June 8. Doctors attending Professor Gustave Roussy, former Rector of Paris University, who is reported to have had an overdose of drugs last Tuesday, said that his condition today was "still very grave."

The patient's heart was weakening and he fainted several times yesterday, they said.

The professor was found suffering from the effects of a sleeping draught.—Reuter.

Living Standard Is "Higher Than Ever"

Sheffield, June 8. Complaints by "selfish women" that the British standard of life was collapsing were condemned by the Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, when addressing a meeting near here tonight.

Sir Hartley, who is Labour Member for St. Helen's, Lancashire, said that he had received a communication from a woman in London, stated to be sent on behalf of an organisation and individuals of his own constituency.

"I asked for particulars of them, but I received no reply," he said.

"It contained a resolution which was said to have been passed at some conference and which started out by saying: 'We, the women of Britain, dismayed by the collapse of our standard of life...'

"What a piece of impertinence!" Sir Hartley said. "Not only are these ladies who are organising the campaign not 'the women of Britain' at all, but merely a very small section of those who are either politically ignorant or politically dishonest, but it is totally untrue to say that our standard of living has collapsed."

Best Ever

"On the contrary, taking it all round, looking at the average earnings, at the social insurance, at the security of employment, and at food, it is probably true to say that the standard of life for the average man and woman in this country is higher than it ever has been."

Giving an instance of food specifically, Sir Hartley said that "no large country in Europe, and certainly none in Asia has a diet so good and well-balanced as ours here."

"We have 98 per cent of the meat we used to have, we have more flour, bread and cake than before the war. We have less fat, but taking the whole population, only one ounce per week per head less. And we have half as much milk again."

If Control Was Lifted

Adding that after the last year food prices had soared within a year or so, Sir Hartley said:

"It would be the same again if we took off the control and abolished the subsidies. No doubt this is what these selfish women want; then the ones with the money would get what food there was and the rest would go without."

"We should go back to 1938 when a large section of the population was on the starvation line and half our children were undernourished."—Reuter.

Taft To Oppose Truman?

New York, June 8. The Republican Party leader, Senator Robert Taft, is considering opposing President Truman's programme for providing Latin-American countries with military equipment, aircraft and naval vessels for training, according to a despatch from Washington published in the New York Times.

This development, said the paper, foreshadowed the threat of a wide open break in the bipartisan alignment of foreign policy.

Senator Taft was said to be highly sympathetic to the arguments advanced against the Latin-American arms plan.—Reuter.

"VANILLA RACKET"

London, June 8. A "vanilla racket" is the latest development in Europe's black market. Poles of General Anders' army who have accepted repatriation are taking with them suitcases packed with vanilla which can be purchased freely here for 30 shillings per lb. and can be sold for £100 per lb. in Poland where it is almost unobtainable and in great demand for flavouring ice cream and cakes.

Some soldiers are making from £2,500 to £5,000 on "vanilla trips" to Poland.—Reuter.

Explosives Found On Jewess

Brussels, June 8. Explosives found on a Jewish woman arrested last week by the Belgian security police were in the form of "letter bombs" of the kind recently received by prominent Britons, the Belgian newspaper Het Daatste Nieuws reported today.

The arrest was made on the Belgian border when a woman, stated to be of Jewish extraction travelling on the Paris-Brussels train was found to possess 10 envelopes loaded with explosives.

The letters were hidden in the false bottom of a suitcase.

The newspaper stated that the letters were addressed to various persons but the addresses were believed not to be their real destination.

The police seized the suitcase but left the woman free, suspecting that there would be accomplices nearby. The woman was joined immediately by a man and both were arrested.

The woman, whose name was not revealed, was stated by the newspaper to have said that she belonged to a "secret organisation."

She said that the suitcase was handed to her in Paris by an unknown person, recognised by a prearranged signal and that she was to deliver it in Brussels by the same method.—Reuter.

Genoa Report

London, June 9. A Scotland Yard spokesman said Sunday that no further letter bombs have been intercepted in the murder by post plot against British officials but that pranksters were crumpling the mails with bogus bomb envelopes.

Meanwhile, Scotland Yard officials said they would look into a report from Genoa, Italy, that a man there professing to be a Stern Gang member had claimed he was the mailer of the letter bombs.

The Scotland Yard spokesman said that of the 20 letters received, none was addressed to a member of the Royal Family.

Other points in the description of the letters given by Associated Press correspondent Carlo Masaro's informant checked with those received here, the spokesman said, and Scotland Yard plans a routine check in Genoa.—Associated Press.

FIGHTING IN GREECE

Ankara, June 8. Reports from Adrianople today said that fighting in Greek Thrace had drawn near to the Turkish border, and rifle and machine-gun fire had been heard on the frontier for the last three days.

In one area, an engagement lasting 40 minutes took place between Greek Government forces and guerrillas.

In hand-to-hand fighting in another area, 10 men of the rebel forces were killed, 12 taken prisoner, while the rest of the band withdrew to the north, the report said.—Reuter.

Anglo-US Action On Hungary Likely

London, June 8. Well-informed British sources speculated tonight that Britain probably would decide to go along with the United States in asking for a Big Three inquiry into developments in Hungary. A Foreign Office spokesman declined to confirm this but said Britain was considering the draft of the proposed American note to Russia on the Hungarian situation and would reply in the next day or two.

The Foreign Office declined to discuss details of the note, but it was understood to request an Anglo-American-Russian inquiry into the disposal of Premier Ferenc Nagy and other events in Hungary. Washington asked for Britain's views on the note.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, may disclose Britain's attitude toward the request tomorrow in the House of Commons, when he is expected to answer a series of questions from members regarding developments in Hungary.

Grave Concern

Well-informed sources believed the key to Britain's position on the proposed American note was the fact that she herself proposed a three-power inquiry into Hungary's internal political situation at the time of the arrest of Bela Kovacs, former Secretary General of the opposition Smallholders Party several months ago. Russia rejected the suggestion and it died in the process of birth.

One factor might give Britain pause, however, as the Sunday Times' diplomatic correspondent said today:

"The growing friction between America and Russia in Central and Southeastern Europe is being watched with grave concern in Whitehall. The situation has deteriorated so severely in the last few weeks that an international crisis seems to be looming ahead."

New Federation?

Britain is still waiting for a reply from Russia on her request for documents incriminating the resigned Premier, Ferenc Nagy, in an alleged plot to overthrow his own Government.

Diplomatic sources in London believed Rumanian Premier Petru Groza's visit to Belgrade might lead to the formation of a formal or informal pro-Soviet Balkan federation, presumably consisting of Yugoslavia,

Bulgaria, Rumania and Albania. The federation ostensibly would be Russia's answer to the Truman policy of aid to Greece and Turkey. Although Hungary is not a Balkan country, the federation well might be widened to include her in view of the Communist manoeuvres there.

These sources believed the idea of such a federation was behind the remarks of Marshal Josef Tito and Premier Groza at luncheon in Belgrade yesterday. Marshal Tito said the time had come for "deeper cooperation" between Yugoslavia and Rumania. Premier Groza replied that Rumania desired full political, cultural and economic cooperation with Yugoslavia.

Albania Too

Coincidentally, an Albanian mission, described as economic, is visiting Belgrade. Rumour also had placed Lt-Gen Skviridov, Soviet commander in Hungary, in Belgrade, but Belgrade sources said there was no trace of him there.

At the very minimum, Premier Groza's visit was expected to result in a pact of friendship and collaboration between Yugoslavia and Rumania. Even if no formal Balkan federation of pro-Russian states emerged as such, nevertheless interlocking treaties and commitments among Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania then would produce the effect of a federation.—United Press.

Seek And Ye Shall Find--Maybe

Milwaukee, June 8. Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, former Chief of Naval Operations, today urged scientists to give the highest priority to studying possible defence measures against the atomic bomb.

He said: "To those who say there is no defence my reply is, 'who can say that if we seek it we cannot find it?'"

He told the annual convention of the Navy Club of the United States that the atomic bomb is "wholly unlikely to win the war without the aid of other weapons," adding that it was necessary for America to maintain her present position of technical superiority in the field of nuclear studies.

He said the United States needs a Navy that "can on short notice carry the war to an enemy overseas."—United Press.

Bela Varga Hides In Monastery

Vienna, June 8. Bela Varga, former President of the Hungarian Parliament, who fled from Budapest during the recent Hungarian Cabinet crisis, was tonight reliably reported to be hiding in an Austrian monastery.

Varga left Hungary shortly after the report that he was incriminated in a plot by information alleged to have been given by Bela Kovacs, Secretary of the Smallholders' Party, who was arrested by the Russians.

After reaching Vienna, Varga is said to have remained in hiding to avoid being kidnapped by the Hungarian political police and taken from Vienna to Budapest. This has happened to three people in the last two months, and the Austrian police are alleged to be investigating the illegal activities of the Hungarian secret police in Austria.

Bela Varga was for many years a parish priest near Lake Balaton, in western Hungary. This made his entry into the Austrian monastery simple.

He was always considered one of the most progressive members of the Smallholders' Party and advocated breaking up the huge estates and promoting other reforms to help the backward peasants of Hungary.

During the war he was famous as an underground worker, and his house became an important station on the underground route along which many British and other Allied prisoners of war escaped.

Like Bela Kovacs he opposed the policy of "appeasement" of the Communists.—Reuter.

Germans Can Be Proud

Herford, June 8. Lord Pakenham, British Minister for Occupation Affairs, told leaders of the German Youth Organisation in Dusseldorf today that there was no disposition whatever in Britain to regard young Germans as responsible for what happened in the past and that they were "absolutely right to be proud of being Germans."

"Somehow or other, we must break down all bitterness and all hatred that may have grown up in the past and gradually make the war a vile memory that will finally be eliminated," Lord Pakenham said.

He declared that it might well be said, "and with complete truth," that the young people of Germany could not be held responsible for the war—but it was also true that no country would ever be able to escape the consequences of its actions and its rulers.—Reuter.

"SKYMASTERS" GET OK

Melbourne, June 8. The Australian Airlines today reported that all Sky-masters here had been found completely airworthy after the check-up ordered by the Civil Aviation Department.

The order was issued after Army Sky-masters had been grounded in the United States for inspection of stabiliser bolts and attached fittings following last week's Sky-master crashes in the United States.—Reuter.

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Thought Revolver Would Be Better

Explaining why he had used a pistol and not a sword to kill Sub-Lieut. Fred Hockley, R.N.V.R., Captain Fujino Masazo told No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday that he had never killed a man before and that he thought that it would be better to use a pistol.

When shown photographs of the spot where the execution of Hockley took place, Fujino said that he could never absolutely erase the spot from his mind because he had killed a man there.

Colonel Tamura Teichu, Major or Hirono Noburo and Captain Fujino Masazo are charged with committing a war crime, in that they, at Ichinomiya, Japan, on or about Aug. 15, 1945, were, in violation of the laws and usages of war, together concerned in the killing of one Fred Hockley, a Sub-Lieutenant of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Answering questions put to him by the President, Fujino said that on the occasion of the second telephone conversation, Shihomura, who spoke in an excited manner, informed him that Division insisted that the Regiment deal with the captured airman.

Fujino said that when he asked Division to explain the meaning of the word "Shuchi" (death) and they practically refused to do so, his reactions were that Division was very unkind. He had most ardently hoped that Division would cancel the order and ask that the prisoner be sent to them.

"Feeling Of Pity"
Fujino said that he did think it was strange that Division Headquarters should refuse to give him the explanation which he requested. He did not know why they had refused to give him an explanation and it did not occur to him that Major Hirono had given the order on his own initiative without the authority of Division Headquarters.

Fujino said that he did not wish to kill the prisoner. He gave no thought of whether the killing was right or wrong. He did not wish to kill the prisoner because he was actuated by a feeling of pity.

Fujino agreed that he had heard the Emperor's broadcast concerning the Japanese surrender and that he understood the broadcast to mean that the war had ended.

He did not know anything about the rules of International

Law regarding treatment of POWs. He only knew the general outline of Japanese regulations governing the treatment of POWs.

Bound By Orders

The subjects with which he was familiar were those relating to reporting, taking into custody, interrogation and despatching. He did not know if there was anything in these regulations which provided that a POW could be killed out of hand without a trial.

Fujino said that although Tamura had testified that the Regiment had captured prisoners on previous occasions, he, Fujino, did not know anything about these captures until Oct. 1945, i.e. after the surrender.

Fujino declared that although he understood the Emperor's broadcast to mean that the war had ended, this did not mean that the organization of the Army was dissolved. Notwithstanding the Emperor's broadcast, he still considered himself bound by the orders of the Regimental Commander.

He did not know whether, under Japanese Army Regulations, his Regimental Commander had authority to order him to carry out an execution without trial. He was under the Regimental Commander and had to obey orders implicitly.

Why He Used Pistol

If he himself ordered a subordinate Warrant Officer to execute a person, the order

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would have to be obeyed, but an investigation would be carried out to ascertain whether or not he was authorized to give such an order. He was not sure what would happen if, on investigation, it was found that he had no authority to give the order.

Asked to explain why, having been ordered to carry out the execution without anyone knowing about it, he had used a pistol and not a sword, Fujino said that he had never killed a man before and did not know what method to use. He thought a pistol would be better.

Fujino insisted that it was the custom of the Regiment to carry out immediately any orders given to it by anybody from Divisional Headquarters. Tamura was very strict concerning orders and instructions and demanded that all officers, N.C.O.s and other ranks carry out orders without delay. Tamura himself always carried out immediately and to the letter, orders and instructions from anybody at Divisional Headquarters.

Suicide Spot

He did not phone up Tamura after the latter had reached Divisional Headquarters for the conference of officers because he thought that as the matter of the captured airman was one

of some importance, Tamura himself would bring the subject up at the conference.

Recounting the events which had led to his attempting to commit suicide, Fujino said that Tamura had decided, after consultation with Divisional Headquarters, to hide the facts of the killing. Fujino said that before he was ordered to report for interrogation, Tamura informed him that he (Tamura) had also been for an interrogation and had given a false statement.

Tamura therefore wanted him to counteract this false statement. Fujino said that it was his wish to tell the truth and because his conscience pricked him, he could not go through with the matter as suggested by Tamura and tell untruths.

Execution Place

Fujino identified the location shown in photographs produced in Court as the spot on the mountain near Regimental Headquarters at Ival where he had executed Hockley. He could never absolutely erase that spot from his mind. Fujino also identified the person shown in a photograph produced by the Court as Hockley, the person whom he had executed according to orders.

Replying to a question put to him by defence counsel, Fujino said that he had heard from Tamura that the decision to hide the facts of this case had been arrived at as a result of a consultation between Tamura and Divisional Headquarters.

Major Hirono Noburo, who was recalled by the Court, said that he decided on his own initiative that the captured airman should be dealt with by the Regiment. His decision was reached as a result of the Emperor's broadcast.

He thought it no longer necessary, from an operational point of view, for Divisional Headquarters to carry out an interrogation of the prisoner. He also thought that rather than bring the prisoner to Divisional Headquarters, the best course would be for the Regiment to handle the prisoner itself. Moreover, such a course was provided for under Japanese Service Intelligence Regulations.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. on Friday, June 13, when the closing addresses will be delivered.

PALMER GOES IN THE WITNESS BOX

(Continued from Page 2)

Not A Blind

Palmer explained further that he did not give Mr. Fletcher a CWT receipt because the transaction had not been finalised. But as Mr. Fletcher insisted on a receipt he asked Ah Fong to give it. "This was not intended as a blind since on the day he received the money or the day after, he paid the money into CWT by sending it with a chit to a ship which had arrived and which had not been paid for about two months. The captain of the ship returned the money because he wanted to be paid in full.

On receiving an additional \$10,000 from commercial cargo, he sent this sum together with \$3,000 (from the \$10,000 received from Mr. Fletcher), to the captain.

Palmer said he did not issue a CWT receipt for \$10,014.45 because the transaction had not been finalised there being goods to the value of about \$4,000 of the original stock sent to Macao. It was his intention to issue a CWT receipt, as his organisation always did when the deal was considered closed. He pointed out that he was handling about \$300,000 a month for CWT and that he could have easily pocketed \$100,000 if he was so inclined. He had no inclination to pocket CWT money. He was well paid and financially at ease. He was paid £1,430 per annum by UNRRA plus about \$750 subsistence allowance per month. He was receiving \$45 per month from the Navy, up to September when he received a lump sum of \$200 and a pension of \$10 per month.

"No Security"

Palmer added that he kept CWT funds with him because there was "no security in our office." He explained that the office was in the Peninsula Arcade and that the key to the office was checked with the reception desk every night and any member of the staff could have obtained it. He said that the \$7,000 he had

with him was used for CWT purposes to supplement the payroll whenever they were short. He had never regarded the money as his own. The advances he made to CWT out of the \$7,000 CWT funds were paid back. He said he sold CWT goods to help CWT which was in a tight hole. "You can't explain to Chinese crews UNRRA rules and regulations that can't buy rice. They want money," Palmer added.

Palmer said it was his intention to get back the goods and that was the reason why he sent \$7,000 to Mr. Fletcher through two Chinese. In getting back the goods he hoped to minimise the gravity of the wrong of selling the goods without authority.

He admitted that he had had no commercial experience. The job of Marine Superintendent, he said, was too much for one man. He said he had kept CWT funds with him many times.

"Mess I'm In"
Cross-examined by Mr. Lonsdale, Palmer said that he did not consider the transaction with Mr. Fletcher as "a mess dried." It was not finalised, there still being some goods left over, therefore he did not have it entered into the books under temporary deals.

He admitted that he was wrong in not abiding by commercial usage. To Mr. Lonsdale's remark that he did not abide by common sense, Palmer replied: "I have still a lot of common sense to learn. Look at the mess I am in."

He also admitted that he did not tell UNRRA Investigator Goodwin that he had not sold the latte. He said he knew he could have got the goods back if he wanted to, that was why he covered up quickly.

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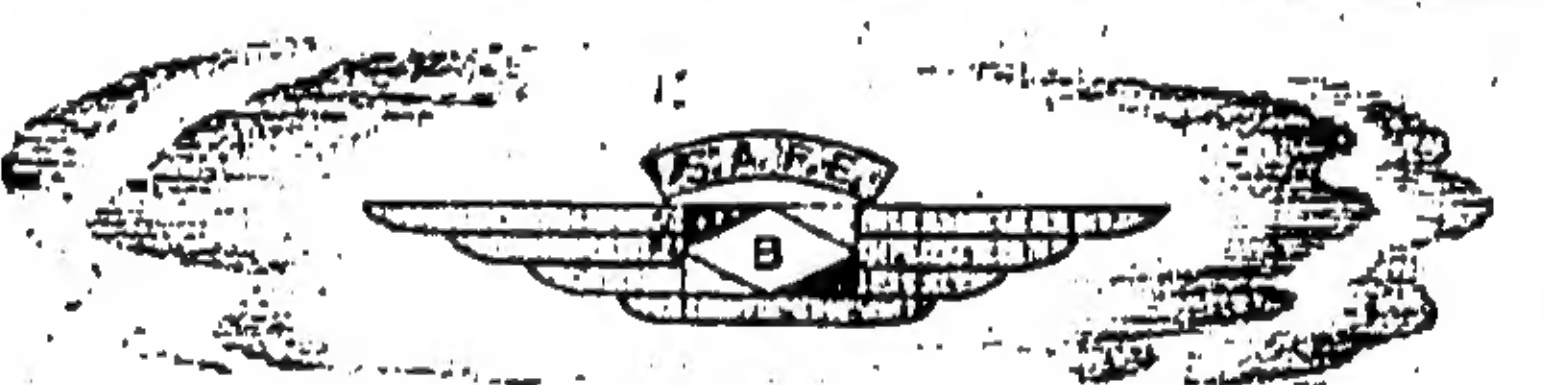
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JAPAN AND CHINA

The full implications of the decision to reopen Japan to private trading in the near future have not been lost upon China. It was to have been China's destiny to take over Japan's role of leader, economically and politically, in the Far East: a role to have been depending entirely upon her capacity to grasp a golden opportunity, with the sympathetic and generous assistance of the P. I. C. War allies. Billions of U.S. dollars were poured into China to assist her in her economic rehabilitation. America's search for a pattern of stability in the Far East induced her to lend the services of a statesman-soldier of General Marshall's calibre in a 13-month effort to create the strength and internal unity which alone could produce the conditions essential to China's resurgence. China's failure has been lamentable, and distressing to her friends. It was already obvious at the time when General Marshall gave up the unequal contest. It has been emphasised by the rapid deterioration since the latest demonstration of the new line of United States policy, the regeneration of Japan, will hasten the process of collapse. Perhaps the diagnosis of the Shanghai "Evening Post" overstates the gravity of the situation to some extent. Possibly, it is premature to proclaim that China is falling to pieces. The Chinese genius for practical compromise may yet produce a happier solution, and it may be a mistake to take too tragic a view of what may only be a temporary stage in her development arising partly from misguided attempts to force the pace. Nevertheless, the dangers inherent in the situation are unmistakable. The risk of the country breaking up into a number of autonomous units is serious, and the deep weariness all over the country is conducive to this result rather than otherwise. No doubt there are many observers who would not particularly deplore such a development, on some sort of historical argument that a complete break-up would, in the long run, offer the best prospect of eventual unity. The majority of us, however, find it difficult to follow the logic of the argument and could wish China a much less painful passage towards her ultimate destiny. Against this background of a China weak and apparently incapable at the moment of providing the answer to her economic and political plight, American policy in Japan—and in Korea—has to be judged. Before the war, America could concentrate upon her "Strengthen China" policy because Russia and Japan, China's two most powerful neighbours, cancelled each other out. Today, Japan is no longer a great power. Russia stands alone. General MacArthur and a State Department headed by General Marshall could hardly be expected to overlook the strategic importance of Japan and Korea in the Far East. While, therefore, it would perhaps be unjust to suggest that any Americans would like to stay permanently in Korea and Japan, they are plainly determined not to leave until these countries are "safe" from their point of view. So far, it is true the Communist Party in Japan has made little headway, and on the surface "democracy" is doing nicely. Yet almost all observers agree that this is wholly superficial, that the Japanese are merely waiting for the Allies to go before returning to their bad old ways. If this happened, the Americans would be in a difficult though familiar position. Would they interfere at the risk of bringing about a genuine revolution, or would they support the regime, not because they approved of it, but because it would at least be anti-Communist and anti-Russian? The British Government may not have as much influence as its powerful allies, but by exerting that influence wisely now, both in Japan and throughout the Far East, it may be able to prevent that fatal "backsliding" of policies which is doing so much to destroy Europe.

HUNGARY AFTER THE RED COUP D'ETAT

By Ruth Lloyd

Ruth Lloyd, formerly United Press staff correspondent in Warsaw, has just arrived in Budapest. In the following dispatch she tells her impressions of the trip and of what is being described in the United States as a Communist coup.

Budapest, June 8. Hungary has been drawn more tightly into the Eastern bloc by the last ten days' events, but as revolutions go, this one is peaceful and anything but complete.

When I left Vienna on Saturday, rumours were flying of mass arrests, barricades in the streets, troops hiding in cellars, troops concentrated on the border and tanks guarding the frontier. I jumped across the Austro-Hungarian frontier with much less trouble than across the French-Swiss border, saw no soldiers—Russians or otherwise—met no road patrols in the five hours journey, and arrived in a city where the bathing benches were jammed, nightclubs crowded and doctee houses full of people reading or talking politics.

Responsible Americans here say they have closely checked mass arrest stories, which came chiefly from emigres in Vienna and found them unacceptably Right Wing. Smallholders are there will be no mass arrests because the leftist bloc wants to convince foreign observers that this is a natural political development.

Crossing the Austrian and Hungarian frontiers, a fellow American correspondent shared his pass and we sailed through. They did not even ask to see my clearance, for which I had waited 60 days. It was just as well—after reaching Budapest, I discovered I needed an occupation army road pass as well, which I did not have.

Normal Life

However, normal life appears here and major political and economic changes are being made ready in the three-year plan which is supposed to go into effect on August 1. How sweeping the social programme will be depends on whether the Communist Vice-Premier, Matyas Rakosi, can pull through the full extent of nationalization which the Leftist bloc is seeking.

From an international viewpoint, the Hungarian crisis appears an answer to the Truman Doctrine and the failure of the Moscow conference, with the Communists taking advantage of the counter-revolutionary plot—real enough but still in the

100 Years Ago Today

(From the files of the "China Mail")

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It is, by some, objected to Theatres that they are the resort of the profligate of both sexes; but this objection is more specious than sound. The meetings at Exeter Hall, the preachings of popular Divines, and all public meetings are attended by pickpockets and other outcasts, while the evil influences of camp prayer meetings are notorious.

Formerly we could boast of a very good company; most of them are still in the colony, and the place of those who can no doubt be filled by others. There are a number of young people in Hong Kong deprived of all society or amusement, except such as may be found in the billiard-room, the bowling alley, and the Tavern...

nuclear stages—to purge and weaken the majority Smallholders and keep in bloc line the Social Democrats who have opposed Communist extremists—all of this before the Soviet occupation forces pull out; but from a purely internal standpoint, it is closer to a delayed revolution suddenly shifted into high gear, whereas in Poland, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, revolutions followed closely on the heels of the liberation.

When the Russians drove through Hungary from the East in 1944, the provisional government formed at Debrecen included many members of the old regime. There wereorthy generals, one decorated by Hitler with the Iron Cross. State machinery remained largely in the hands of the old crowd.

Newcomers

Before the war, the Smallholders were a party favouring radical reforms and opposing the Right Wing of the Smallholders. But, like Mikolajczyk's Peasant Party in Poland, they carried all political dispossessed of the old order who had nowhere else to go, including the "bulk" of the old aristocracy and wealthy mercantile class.

These newcomers had far more experience and pretty well "on the Party, forming the bulk of the opposition to a Leftist coalition. The elections gave them, a safe majority.

The Smallholders received an intentional support from Russia, whose occupation army milked the country. The Soviet levied reparations as heavy as on Rumania, a country with twice the population and far wealthier. Removal of industrial plants, goods and livestock further weakened the country and at the same time weakened the Leftist bloc.

Leftist Chance

At the same time, Hungary had been quite successful in stalling many Russian demands and the Smallholders had blundered the most important Leftist reforms, particularly nationalization of banks. While the Leftists wanted an economy based on Hungary's own resources, the Smallholders favoured Western help. Some was forthcoming from the United States, with the promise of more when the occupation army was gone.

The conspiracy gave the Leftists their chance to knock off the far Right wing of the Smallholders. The people involved were emigres and high Army officers, a revisionist crowd which wanted the restoration of a slice of Czechoslovakia and a large part of Rumania. It could have developed into a strong threat, but did not get chance. And the Communists exaggerated it for propaganda purposes. — United Press.

New Home Of The Foreign Office

London, June 7.

London's most aristocratic street is soon to disappear under the hammers of the demolition squads. Carlton House Terrace, famous for over a century as the home of Royalty, nobility, great statesmen, diplomats and clubmen, is shortly to be demolished and rebuilt as the new home of Britain's Foreign Office.

When the King and Queen drive along the Mall to and from Buckingham Palace they will see no change. The great yellow stucco, neoclassical Palladian facade, which stretches over a quarter of a mile along London's famous Mall, will be kept untouched, just as John Nash designed it and saw it built in 1830.

Behind the famous facade, however, the terraces of 16 famous mansions will be pulled down and reconstructed. The spacious ballrooms in which danced the men who fought at Waterloo will disappear. The gilt and mirrored reception rooms of princely proportions will be replaced by modern offices, the famous cut-crystal chandeliers will graceful sweeping staircases will crumble under the stonemason's hammer.

Many famous people have lived in Carlton House Terrace during the century since it was built. Among them have been Lord Palmerston, Mr. Gladstone, Lord Curzon, Lord Balfour, Lord Kitchener, and the Duke of Roxburghe. At No. 9, beside the Duke of York's Steps, was the German Embassy. When Ribbentrop ruled there he took it as a diplomatic affront when the Office of Works refused him permission to destroy the priceless moulded ceilings and walls, so he had his beaverboard walls built within the room, which he could decorate and re-decorate to his Nazi heart's content.

Bad Neighbour

Like his master, Ribbentrop was a bad neighbour too, and fell out with his aristocratic neighbours by preemptory requesting the use of their private sections of the terrace for his parties, and then failed to invite them.

In this century several famous clubs have also occupied mansions in the terrace. Three are still there and looking for new quarters—the Savage, frequented by artists, writers and actors; Crookford's, a favourite of card players, and the Union, an exclusive social club.

At the Buckingham Palace end of the terrace is Marlborough House, the home of Queen Mary, and next door at the end of the terrace is No. 1. Carlton Gardens which will be used as the official home of Britain's Foreign Ministers, and shortly to be occupied by ex-messenger boy and trade unionist—Ernest Bevin.

When the rebuilding is complete the whole of the Foreign Office will move from its present site in Whitehall. Future Foreign Secretaries will then no longer be able to nip out across narrow Downing Street

A Symbol

In the 1950's draughts will no longer swing the Victorian chandeliers as they blow through the dark and chilly offices of undersecretaries. Instead, in tune with the new age, Britain's foreign policy will be planned in the most modern air-conditioned offices, in rooms of steel, concrete and plastic.

In the great Elizabethan day her Foreign Secretaries studied the latest reports from Europe by rush-light; in Walpole's day under the flicker of candlelight. In this new atomic age the past records of 500 years will be studied in the modern "day-light" lighting from fluorescent tubes set in walls and ceilings, by workers' sons from free Council schools and Provincial universities as well as by young "bloodes" fresh from Eton, Harrow, Cambridge and Oxford.

In the deep cellars of Carlton House Terrace, where once were stored the choicest wines which ever tickled the palates of the famous, will be stored the great mass of Foreign Office records in steel and fireproof cabinets, remote from atomic bombs.

In many ways Britain's new Foreign Office will be a symbol of her age-old foreign policy—an unbroken and ancient facade behind which with their eyes on the future, men conduct their business by the most modern and efficient methods. — United Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Were youse de party wot had de broad sliced 'not too thick,' an' de water 'plain'?"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

THREE REASONS TO WAIT

A WINNING competitor may have any one of three reasons for passing early in the auction with the distinct intention of entering it in some positive way later. The first and most widely observed one is a lack of high card strength together with considerable distributional value in long suit length. The second is appreciable strength defensively against some suit or suits already named by the opposition—what ordinarily is called a trap pass. The third is a desire to find out what the opponents are going to bid, with the idea of then disclosing your own favoured declaration.

♠ J32
♥ 10832
♦ 9852
♣ J10

♠ 1096
♥ AKQJ
♦ AK7
♣ 843

West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
3 ♦ 4 ♠ Pass

East and West were using the Vanderbilt convention, in which an original 1-Club shows about three top tricks and a response of anything except the denial of 1-Diamond shows at least a couple of them.

In view of that fact, South de-

cided to pass his good hand on his first turn, in order to learn just what declaration the opponents were going to favor on the next round. When it proved to be hearts, his own hand suddenly became better than it looked at first, as now he had an improved chance to find his own partner fitting his minor suits. So he bid the 3-Diamonds without any particular fears.

North's free raise on 4-Diamonds after West's 3-Hearts was a bit on the bold side, but at least it told South what the fitting suit was for the side.

In the play, South lost just two tricks to trumps and one in hearts, so that he got a gratuitous game, due to West's questionable double. The post-mortem revealed that the 3-Hearts try by the opponents might have been beaten with two tricks in spades and three in clubs.

Tomorrow's Problem

♠ 843
♥ 752
♦ 108
♣ 9

♠ KQ107
♥ 52
♦ J108
♣ 9

♠ 8
♥ KQ8
♦ AK532
♣ AK6

(Dealer: South, East-West vulnerable.)

What bidding is best calculated to get North-South in the soundest contract?

EUROPEAN BRIDGE LEAGUE

At a recent meeting in Copenhagen of some representatives of the now defunct International Bridge League it was decided to found a European Bridge League with representatives from Britain, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, The colonies of these countries, as well as the Dominions, were also included, and so was Egypt. This new League will have a council of four members, one each from Britain, France, the Low Countries, and the Scandinavian countries. It has adopted the 1935 International Contract Bridge laws of the Portland Club (London) and the Whist Club (New York) and the

French authorities in matters affecting rubber bridge. For the variations of duplicate bridge it has accepted the American laws. A committee is now working to smooth out the small Anglo-American differences of opinion and early agreement is expected so that the complete international laws may be ready next year.

In the United States the importance of duplicate, sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League, has dwarfed that of rubber bridge, sponsored by the Whist Club, New York, to such an extent that there is seemingly a threat that the tail may wag the dog.

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FRENCH RAILWAY STRIKES

Hundreds Of Trains Idle; Prospects Of Conciliation Still Remote

Special Plans For Stranded Britons

Paris, June 8.
The French railway strike spread today to another important centre, Strasbourg, the last big town to hold out.

In Paris, where stations were closed and empty, thousands of people besieged the Invalides railway station, the starting point of all Government-organised motor coach services and of the Air France airlines. There were long queues for buses, but many would-be travellers were unable to get seats.

The Minister of Transport announced tonight that motor-coach services would be trebled from tomorrow and that if the railway strike continued, road and air transport would be even further increased from Tuesday.

Meanwhile, more than 100 passengers from the United States, who arrived in Le Havre today, aboard the two liners "Ernie Pyle" and "Marine Falcon", landed today and left Le Havre in their own cars, which they had brought with them.

British Army Helps

Another 370 passengers from the "Ernie Pyle" are landing tomorrow morning and will travel to Paris by special buses. They will be followed a few hours later by some 200 passengers from the "Marine Falcon".

Among those waiting for further transport inland were some Americans. One of these said: "I was hoping to spend two weeks in Switzerland, but I am afraid I'll lose most of them."

He voiced the general sentiment of the delayed travellers when he said that he had been in Le Havre three days and had to sail back to New York soon.

British Army trucks, driven by smiling troops, took British holiday-makers stranded by the strike out to Le Bourget airport, on the outskirts of Paris, where special planes were waiting to take them home.

Goldmine For Some
The railway strike—for higher wages and other benefits—has dislocated passenger and freight traffic throughout France.

The American Express Company today provided specially chartered buses to aid stranded Americans.

Drivers of private cars and trucks gave up their Sunday break to earn fantastic money outside the closed gates of the Paris railway stations.

Parisians, anxious to have their usual Sunday in the country, largely used bicycles to get out of the city.

General Charles de Gaulle was among the thousands who had to change their plans because of the strike.—Reuter.

Standing Pat

Paris, June 8.
Both the French Government and the Central Union of Rail-road Workers stood pat to-

night on their clashing demands, while thousands of stranded rail passengers fretted in every city in France.

The second day of the nationwide railroad strike found more than 150,000 workers idle and hundreds of trains stalled. There appeared slight prospect of an immediately conciliatory move by either side.

Employees of France's nationalized rail system are demanding a 5,500 francs minimum monthly wage and job reclassification.

Premier Paul Ramadier and the Transport Minister, Jules Moch, have refused to discuss wage demands until the strikers return to work.

There was no further clarification of the Government's position today, but a communiqué issued by strikers in the Lyons district said: "Our patience is at an end. The Government must find the necessary millions of francs to pay our demands so we may continue to live while working. We railroaders of the General Confederation of Workers and the Christian Workers Federation are in complete accord as to what action we must take."

Hotels Jammed

Only one train, the Simplon Orient Express, was permitted to arrive in Paris today, but nowhere in France were any passenger train departures reported.

Paris hotels were jammed to capacity, but nowhere were there duplications of the wartime scenes of soldiers sleeping in lobbies or on park benches.

A check of leading Paris hotels showed that no prominent foreign travellers were stranded. Taxis, back on the street in force after the week-long gasoline shortage, were more scarce than usual. Hired cars were virtually unobtainable.

The one-day-old strike forced the Transport Minister, Jules Moch, to organize emergency bus services between the larger French cities and to requisition Army aircraft to fly some of the extra thousands who besieged airlines offices for space on long-distance flights to their destinations.

Britons Stranded

The tree-shaded Invalides esplanade in front of Napoleon's tomb was turned into a temporary bus station. Extra buses left at short intervals for Le Havre, Rouen and Angers.

French Army aircraft were pressed into service between Paris and Bordeaux, Toulouse and Brest. Passengers were restricted to 30 pounds of baggage.

Two hundred cross-Channel passengers who arrived at Calais yesterday, bound for Paris, were still awaiting transportation.

Britain-bound passengers were stranded in Dieppe when the strike tied up the new Channel steamer, *Londres*. Local officials said an English vessel was being dispatched to transfer passengers.

Trucks which brought farm products to market at major cities had little difficulty in picking up passengers for the return trip. The owners drew up before the closed and silent railway stations, scrawled their destination and the price in chalk on the sides of the trucks and piled in customers.—United Press.

Foreign Office Steps In

London, June 8.
The Foreign Office chartered four private passenger planes yesterday to evacuate British travellers stranded in Paris by the French rail strike.

Owners said each of the aircraft would make two or three round-trip flights. The British Overseas Airways also planned several relief flights yesterday and today.

No authoritative estimate of the number of persons involved was available here, an air company official explaining that "quite a number" were believed to have been unable so far to get

HIS MAJESTY'S GUESTS

London, June 8.
The King has invited 150 officers and men of the United States Army Air Force to be present in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace on Thursday when he and Princess Elizabeth ride out to attend the trooping of the colour—a traditional ceremony held on the occasion of the King's birthday.

A few of the American squadron personnel will be on the Horse Guards parade to witness the actual ceremony.—Reuter.

bus or taxi transport to Paris Le Bourget airport.

Meanwhile London had a preview of its own curing for luncheon of would-be continental holiday-makers. Many spent the night in railroad stations unable to get hotel rooms in the chronically crowded British capital and travel agents who were tearing their hair trying to help disappointed families decided whether to give it up or wait a little longer.

In hope of a settlement, the Southern railway, its regular Paris boat train services cancelled, sent a steamer to Dieppe to bring home several hundred Britons stranded after making the D-Day anniversary pilgrimage to Normandy.—Associated Press.

European Bridge League

(Continued from Page 6)

When the 1935 laws were due for revision in 1940 we were busy with the war to better about laws. In the States, however, an "American Edition" of revised laws was prepared and became effective on April 1, 1943, after having been agreed upon and promulgated by the White House, New York, in conjunction with the American Contract Bridge League, which had then come into the picture. This American edition has now been four years in use—ample time for a thorough test—so that we have much to learn from American experience. We had a very large share in framing previous laws, but the Americans, no doubt because of their much greater experience in duplicate, seem now to be taking the initiative in the duplicate game.

Any matches which may be arranged by the new European Bridge League will use the International Laws, while the hierarchy of organization from our point of view will in future be (1) European Bridge League, (2) British Bridge League, (3) our unions and county associations. Correspondence breeds delay and distrust; we are all the more indebted then to Mr. Noel Mobbs, chairman of the Portland Club and of the British Bridge League, for his personal contacts in the United States and in Copenhagen, with their effects in accelerating decisions on organization and on laws.

No Hope For The Sterile Male

(By Howard Blakeslee)

Atlantic City, N.J., June 9.

Several things can be done for women who are sterile, the American Society for the Study of Sterility was told today, but there is not much that can be done for a sterile man except to feed, soothe and rest him.

Outside of giving men thyroid extract, a high protein and a high vitamin diet plus mental as well as physical rest, no treatment so far advocated has been of any avail.

A high protein diet would be lots of meat, milk and eggs.

A possible new fertility reliever for men was discussed, with differences of opinion ranging from a flat failure to some promise. This treatment is not given to men but to women where it is hoped to supplement something missing in the man.

The supposedly missing substance is hyaluronidase, an enzyme which is supposed to digest the tough covering of the ovum or egg, which has to be penetrated by the male sperm.

Lack of hyaluronidase has been believed a probable cause of male sterility but doctors don't know how to give it to men so they tried it on women.

Very small doses of rays also reported as relieving sterility were used on women's heads to strike the pituitary gland and on their ovaries. Seventy per cent of sterile cases so treated reported becoming fertile.—Associated Press.

Dona Peron Feted In Madrid

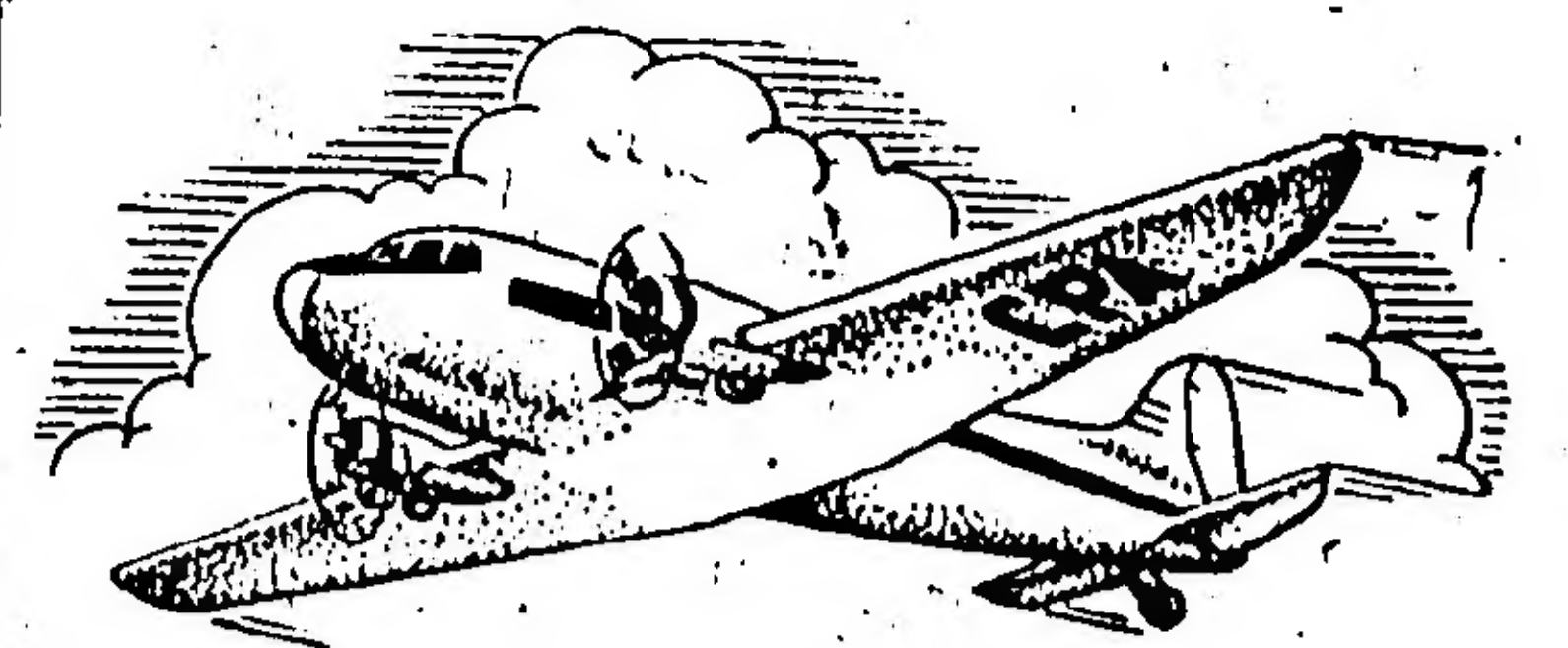
Madrid, June 8.

Dona Maria Eva Duarte de Peron, wife of the Argentine President, arrived here today in a four-motor Skymaster which flew her from Buenos Aires.

Generalissimo Franco and his wife, Dona Carmen, greeted Senora de Peron at Barajas Airport.

The reception group also included the entire Spanish Government and the Argentine Ambassador, Senor Pedro Radio. Hundreds of Argentine and Spanish flags were waved by a huge enthusiastic crowd which swarmed onto the airfield.

The Argentine President's wife left the airport to drive through the city of Madrid, gaily decorated in her honour, to Franco's residence, El Prado, where she will be a guest during her two week's stay in Spain prior to continuing a tour of Europe.—Reuter.



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SHIP	TO	READY
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SHIP	TO	READY
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ITALY A PRECEDENT FOR JAPANESE TRADING

Tokyo, June 9.

Officials of the newly organized Foreign Trade Board, guardedly commenting on the forthcoming arrival of the businessmen's mission, pointed today to Italy as a precedent that might enable Japan to enter private trade with the United States and other Allied nations before the conclusion of a peace treaty.

They pointed out that Italy was permitted such trade and also to engage in foreign trade on the basis of a provisional exchange rate.

The officials said a survey disclosed that a large majority of Japanese traders were pinning hopes on revived trade with the United States.

The Tokyo Chamber of Commerce said a total of 121 pri-

Federal Reserve Bank Return

Washington, June 7.

Assets: Gold certificates on hand and due from U.S. Treasury \$18,025,000,000; Total Discounts and advances 174,000,000; Total Gold certificates reserve 19,737,000,000; Total U.S. Government securities 21,760,000,000; Total Loans and securities 21,936,000,000; Total Assets 44,448,000,000. Liabilities: Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation 24,331,000,000; Deposit member banks reserve account 15,921,000,000; Total Deposits 17,530,000,000; Total liabilities 44,448,000,000. Ratio of gold certificates reserve to deposits and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined 47.4%; Gold stock 20,990,000,000; Money in circulation 28,251,000,000.—Reuter.

Bank Return

London, June 7.

Banking Department: Public Deposits 45,000,000; Bankers Deposits 293,800,000; Other Accounts 105,800,000; Government securities 342,400,000; Discount 16,700,000; Notes and gold and silver coins 55,500,000. Issue Department: Note circulation 1,307,200,000; Total Bullion 1,630,000,000. Proportion (percentage) of notes and gold and silver coin held against deposits 13.6%; Bank Rate (per cent) 2; Price of gold 172.3.—Reuter.

Military, Big Business Dictatorship

Montgomery, Alabama, June 9.

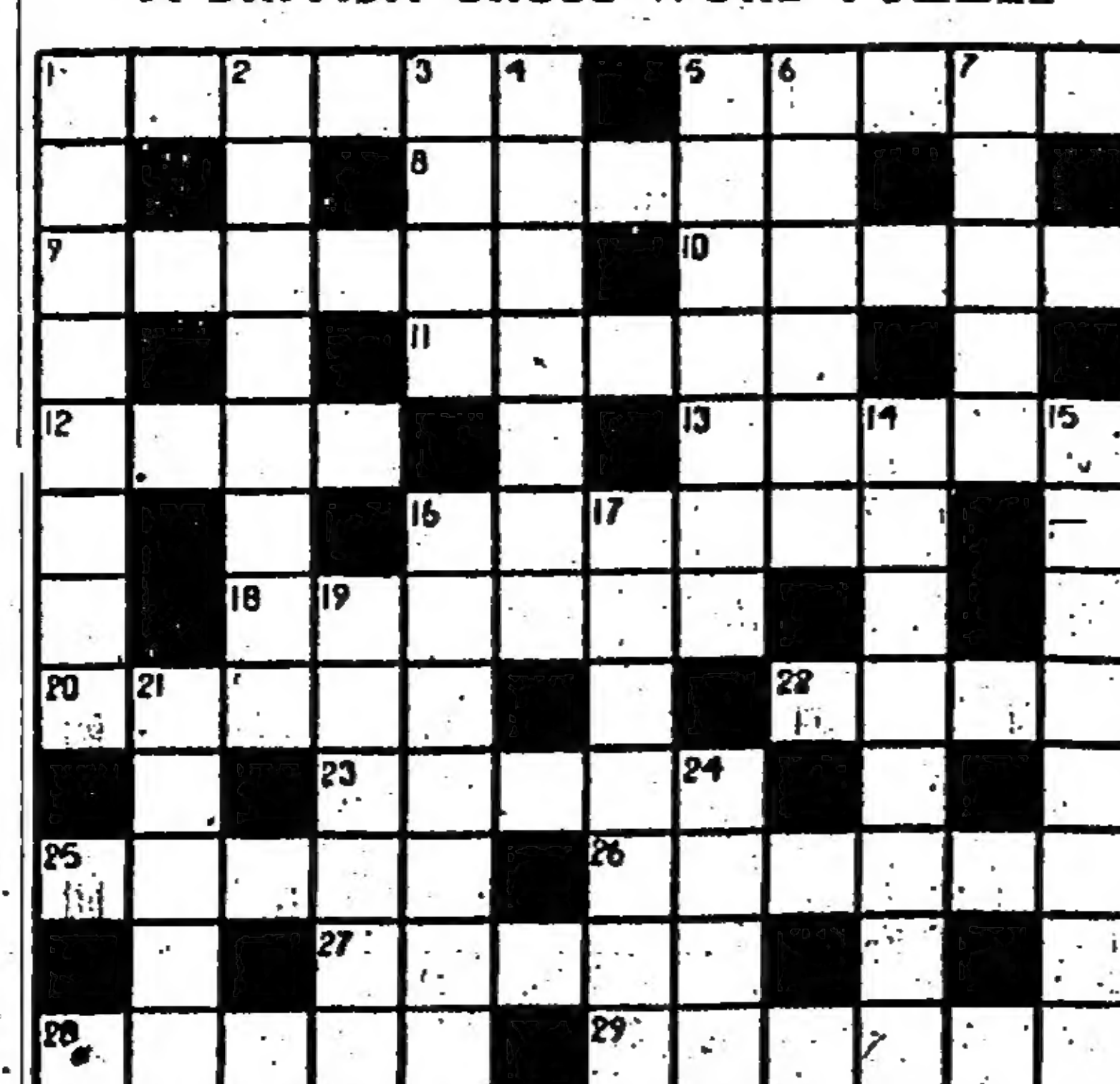
Universal military training was urged by Henry Wallace as "one of the points of the Truman doctrine" which the former Vice President said would "discourage democratic peace loving peoples everywhere in the world." The two billion dollars it would cost had better be used to point out the routes toward peace rather than war. "I don't like indoctrination," Wallace declared. "I don't like the inevitable hookup between big business and big army expenditures. I don't like the danger of a military-big business dictatorship when trouble comes. 'If we use billions of dollars every year to produce munitions and train our boys for war, the day will come when a worse depression than 1933 will overtake us,' Wallace said. 'Cotton and wheat prices will fall faster than in the early thirties.'—Associated Press.

FRENCH BANK RETURN

Paris, June 7.

(Week ended May 29, 1947) Note Circulation 775,053,000,000 francs; Increases compared previous week 9,452,000,000; Bank Loans to State 88,431,000,000; Increases compared with previous week 2,294,000,000.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Impresses
- Shape
- Flashing animal
- Garb
- Part of a church
- Nasal accent
- Tax
- Flat plates
- Zealous
- Meditate
- Severe
- Flightless bird
- Wanderer
- Raid
- Special aptitude
- Belief
- Spotted
- Sporting dog

Clues Down

- Smashers
- Large deer
- Wing
- Ship's attendant
- Wander about
- Beginning
- Flowering shrub
- Barbecue
- Chip
- Vexed
- Argues
- Decorative
- Formation
- Fruit
- Sedate
- Lusty
- Downy
- Scary
- Gulding
- Stolical
- Flat
- Teem
- Emerald
- 14 Fingers
- 16 Elderly
- 17 Armed
- 19 Buns
- 21 Dony

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1. Morass; 5. Vague; 8. Cedo; 9. Dental; 11. Noise; 12. Direct; 14. Fro; 16. Range; 18. Trial; 19. Borg; 20. Elated; 24.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, June 8.

The stock market barely managed to retain its balance this week. A slow moving advance in the final session on Friday just about cancelled earlier losses. It was the third successive week in which the share price averages finished even with or better than the close of the period preceding.

The Associated Press 60 stock composite was unchanged at 61.2.

Wall Street produced no decisive response to news of the week, favourable or unfavourable. Clamping a straitjacket on bullish enthusiasm was the persistence of doubts whether the tax and labour legislation would become law.

Foreign developments also were an unsettling influence. However, some commission houses reported some customer belief that recent pessimistic views of business prospects were overdrawn.—Associated Press.

LIVINGS EXCHANGED

Bookham, Surrey, June 8.

Canon A. M. Hughes, Rector of Bookham, is en route to Quebec aboard the Queen Elizabeth to exchange livings for two months with the Dean of Quebec.

The Dean is expected to arrive in London in two weeks on the Queen Elizabeth's return voyage.—Reuter.

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"TSINAN" Swatow 3 p.m. 15th June
"SHANTUNG" Haiphong, Pakhoi, Hoihow & Tsamkong 10 a.m. 16th June
"SHENGKING" Shanghai 4 p.m. 17th June

ARRIVALS FROM

"SHANTUNG" Tsamkong 12th June
"SHINGHAI" Macassar, Sandakan & Semporna 12th June
"HUNAN" Haiphong, Pakhoi & Hoihow 14th June
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"GLENIFFER" U.K. via Straits 12th June
"BELLEROPHON" U.K. via Rotterdam 22nd June

Sailings to

"STENTOR" Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, 18th June
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Part of the British delegation to the Far Eastern Economic Conference which is to be held in Shanghai will be leaving by R.A.F. plane today, and the remainder will leave on Friday.

At the head of the delegation, and leaving today, is Sir Andrew Gurney Clow, KCSI, ex-Governor of Assam and now the United Kingdom's representative on the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. He has been staying in Government House.

Others leaving today comprise P. J. H. Stent, CBE, of the Foreign Service; G. C. Bonham, CBE, representing the Malayan Union and Singapore; and who is Professor of Commerce and International Trade in the University of London and Economic Adviser to the Governor General of Malaya; and Lieut. Col. H. C. Kerr, representing the British Special Commissioner in South-East Asia.

Friday's party includes W. M. Thomson, head of the S.T.I. Department, who will advise the delegation on matters concerning Hong Kong. In Shanghai, the delegation will be joined by Eleanor Hinder, who will advise them on behalf of the British Embassy to China.

The conference, which will discuss the economic situation in the Far East, opens in Shanghai on Monday, June 10th, and will last for about a fortnight. It will be attended by delegates from the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Australia, Siam, India, the Philippines and the Netherlands.

Three Categories Eligible

Shanghai, June 8.
A British War Damage Office has been opened here to enable British nationals to file statements of damage to property and claims of compensation for personal injuries during the period of the Pacific War—from Dec. 8, 1941 to Aug. 19, 1945.

It is officially announced that British subjects residing in the United Kingdom, or firms incorporated in the United Kingdom or Hong Kong or any of the British overseas colonies or territories or mandated territories, will be eligible to file such claims.

For those desiring to make claims in regard to compensation for loss of life or personal injury and loss of health during the same period, special forms are available.

According to a statement issued by Mr. A. Rickotts, British War Damage Officer for China, British subjects and firms who have already filed statements of loss or damage to property with the Trading with the Enemy Department of the Board of Trade in England will, in due course, be invited to admit new statements.

It is stated that any such British subject or firms who are resident here should apply for the new forms.

Eligible Claims

"While provision is thus being made for the collection and coordination of all relevant data," Mr. Rickotts adds, "I am afraid that no definite opinion can be expressed of the extent to which compensation may be expected."

This can only be determined, he says, "within the framework of the general settlement with Japan, in the conclusion of which a number of considerations will have to be weighed and taken of the views of other Governments. Discussion of these matters is still at a very early stage and it is impossible yet to foresee the nature of the relevant provisions of the final settlement."

To be eligible to make claims in respect of property loss or damage owners must be in one of the following categories:

1. British subject resident in the United Kingdom or in a foreign country.

2. Companies incorporated in the United Kingdom or Hong Kong.

3. British subjects resident, or companies incorporated in British colonies, overseas territories, protectorates or mandated territories; where no facilities exist for registration locally.

It is expressly stated that the loss or damage must be confined to the period between Dec. 8, 1941, and Aug. 19, 1945.

Special Forms
Statements may be filed relating to loss of or damage to land and buildings, business equipment such as plant, machinery, tools, motors and other vehicles, and private chattels including personal and household goods of all descriptions.

No declarations, however, will be accepted in respect of money (except in cases where a receipt is held by the Japanese authorities), accoutrements and documents generally, and consequential loss for example, loss of profits, rentals, income, etc.

The special forms available in regard to compensation for loss of life and personal injury and loss of health provide for declarations by:

1. A British subject in respect of ill-treatment or inhuman conduct during detention by the enemy in China.

2. A British subject resident outside the United Kingdom who is suffering disablement caused by war operations in China or detention by the enemy there.

3. A widow (resident outside the United Kingdom) of a British subject who has died through war operation in China or detention by the enemy there.

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Opposition Voiced By Businessmen

Whampoa Dock Meeting

Shareholders of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at an extraordinary general meeting held yesterday in the board room of Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., unanimously approved three alterations to the company's Articles of Association.

The first of these was the cancellation of Article 17, in explanation of which the Chairman, Mr. Lawrence Kaden, said, under this article, the shareholding of any member was limited to 10,000 shares. The Company had, under the terms of an underwriting agreement, undertaken to allot to Messrs. Trustees Ltd. 200,000 of its unissued shares, and it was therefore necessary to cancel this clause to enable the agreement to be implemented.

The second alteration was to Article 71 and provided for the substitution of three for two members holding or representing or entitled to vote at a general meeting, to demand a poll.

Third and last of the amendments was the introduction of a new Article for article 76, to remove restrictions to voting rights imposed by the existing articles. The new article reads:

"Subject to any special terms as to voting upon which any shares of the Company may have been issued or may for the time being be held, upon a show of hands every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him."

Mr. N. A. A. Croncher, seconding the last motion regarding voting said the proposal was, in his opinion, in keeping with present-day business policy.

"Poor Investment For U.S."

(By Fred Hampson)

Four representative American businessmen in China, stymied by Chinese Government business and financial regulations and caught in the midst of a runaway inflation, voiced opposition to any further American loans to China today under the existing conditions. None would talk for the record or said if they did "what little business we are able to push through, would be stopped entirely."

The executive vice-president of a general trade transportation company charged: "The Chinese put every obstacle in the way of Americans to keep them from doing business in China. I'm opposed to any loan to and of any sort until American business gets some protection out of here."

Another businessman, who has been in China for many years, said: "As an American businessman in China, I'm 100 per cent opposed to the loan. It might stimulate business for a while but not for the Americans out here who have to get down on their knees and practically beg the Chinese Government to let us bring in goods. The Chinese need so badly."

This importer, who, like many old China hands, has lately been bothered more than usual with homesickness, spoke vividly of his farm near Houghton Lake, Michigan. He concluded with an expression of doubt that the loan would be used for the purpose intended.

Strings Needed
The head of an American Bank in Shanghai lamented the Chinese treatment of American business but was not unequivocally opposed to the loan. He indicated it should not be granted "without strings to assure full value" and declared emphatically the money should be restricted to capital goods.

"Purely For Show"
Several Americans in both business and professions contended that the National Government's clamour for peace talks just now was "purely for show" and that the American public in a last desperate effort to get the loan before the expiration time.

The secretary of an export and import house said: "Before the United States gives any more money to China we should first ask if our own business."

Fine Show At The Star

Hong Kong audiences have often been accused (and, in some degree, quite justifiably), of being undemonstrative and much too conservative. They take everything for granted, say the critics, and often break the hearts of artists who give of their best.

For any troupe, or member thereof, to be able to sweep such an audience off their feet is a feat of no mean accomplishment. That was exactly what "Phyllis Six" did to the packed house at the "Star" Theatre last night.

With a cast of such scintillating brilliance it would be impossible to single out any single member for special praise. But he would be a poor critic were he not to remark on the never-before-accomplished feat of an artist carrying the audience with her, as did Doreen Thompson (of Jive in Jive time) whose conditions on her audition encouraged "community singing" among those present.

Another performer who literally held the house spell-bound was violinist Margaret Smart, while petite Penny Lee convulsed the audience with her "French" song and imitations of stage and screen stars.

For physical training fanatics, Ann Sherry should make a wonderful teacher—if the trainees do not break their backs and spines before attaining her standard of perfection in contortions.

Miss Phyll Moulding, manager, composer and accompanist, was a marvel at the piano and thoroughly deserved the thunderous applause accorded her.

This review would neither be complete nor honest were it not to include a word of praise for the gentleman (or lady) responsible for the lighting effects which so greatly enhanced the attraction of the items offered.

Japanese Camp Staff Sentenced

Sentences ranging from four to fifteen years imprisonment were passed by No. 7 War Crimes Court yesterday on three Japanese accused who were found guilty of having contributed to the ill-treatment of Allied POWs and civilian internees, resulting in the death of some and causing physical suffering to many others.

Colonel Sawano Hideo, Chief Commandant of all Formosa POW Camps between July 1943 and March 1945, was sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment.

Lieut. Hiroki Shira, Acting Commandant at Shirakawa Camp in 1944, received a four year sentence, while Corporal Matsunaga Yoshio, Medical N.C.O. at Shirakawa Camp, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

The case was heard before Lieut. Col. N.G. Watt (President) and Major A. Clayworth and Captain R.B.R. Gorey (Members).

Major R. C. Lai conducted the prosecution, while the accused were represented by Mr. Tanaka Yutaki, assisted by Captain J.N. Whitehorn as Advising Officer.

Printers Buy New Premises
With a view to expanding their premises, the Local Printing Press Co., Ltd. of Duddell Street, has just purchased 18 and 18a, Ice House Street, from the Hong Kong Electric Co. for \$500,000.

The chairman of the Local Printing Press said yesterday: "These new premises cover approximately 5,500 square feet and it is our intention to occupy the basement immediately with the heavier type of our machinery."

The "China Mail" understands that the Directors of the Local Printing Press—which is a private limited local concern—intend soon as possible to convert it into a public company.

Olympic Athletes
Helsinki, June 8.
The Finnish Amateur Athletic Association selected 123 track and field athletes for Olympic training today and nominated the internationally famous Armas Valtas as chief Olympic coach. There were 18 hurdlers and sprinters, 24 middle-distance runners, 16 long-distance runners, 22 jumpers and four decathlon performers.

Surprising was the announcement that Storskrubbe, 400-metre European record holder with a time of 62.2 seconds, would not participate as hurdler but would train for the 800 and 1,500 metre events. Viljo Heino, an outstanding name in the long distance men, holder of the world record in the javelin throw, Yrjo Nikanen will be unable to compete this summer because of an injury but is expected to be in top form next year.—United Press.

English Bowling Flogged

Melville's Record In Test

Nottingham, June 9.
South Africa were definitely on top at the tea interval of the second day's play in the first Test Match at Trent Bridge today, thanks to a magnificent innings by Alan Melville, their captain.

Melville scored 189 and Dudley Nourse 149. South Africa's first innings closing at 533. At tea England had lost Len Hutton and Cyril Washbrook for only 48 runs.

Alan Melville, South African captain, added only six runs to his huge score today and was out for 189 but the other batsmen continued to punish England's bowling and by luncheon South Africa were 484 for five.

Melville's glorious innings ended when he was clean bowled by Jack Martin, Kent fast bowler, with the total at 384. Melville's innings was one of the finest ever played by a South African in a Test, and lasted exactly six hours and included one six and 10 fours.

First Scoring
It was a beautiful and well pitched ball which swung in late as Melville played forward, and trimmed the balls.

Then Dawson and Harris, who is a South African rugby international, figured in an entertaining fifth wicket stand which realised 66 runs in 65 minutes. Dawson, who gave a fine display in his first Test, batted 105 minutes and hit five fours.

Holles, the Warwickshire spin bowler, kept a good length today and flogged the ball well. When he claimed Dawson's wicket, he

Stable Boys Strike
Paris, June 8.
The Prix de Diane—French Oaks—which was to have been run at Longchamps today, had to be postponed because of a 24-hour strike called last night by stable boys. They are demanding wage increase of 80 francs a day and decided to strike after a meeting late last night.

This morning officials of the Longchamps track announced that there would not be any racing today.

During the night strike pickets were posted at training centres to prevent the transfer to Longchamps of any of the horses entered for today's events.

Baron de Waldner, owner of yesterday's English Derby winner, Pearl Diver, and the winning jockey, C. Biddle, left Epsom by air directly after winning the big race in order to saddle a horse in the French Oaks today.—Reuter.

A cheque of \$200 has been received with thanks from the Hong Kong Football Association as a donation to the Boy Scouts Association, Hong Kong Branch.

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American Baseball

New York, June 9.
In the American League Washington won the longest game of the major league season on an eighteen inning opener. Catcher Al Evans tripled at the start of the 18th and scored on third baseman Sherrod Robertson's outfield fly for the only run and a 1-0 victory over Chicago.

Only three other one run 18 inning games have been played in major league history.

The winning run broke Washington's streak of 33 scoreless innings. The game consumed three hours and half.

Earl Wynn, who relieved starting pitcher Walter Masterson in the 16th inning, was credited with the victory. Earl Harris, who relieved starting pitcher Frank Pappish in the 14th, was charged with the loss.

In contrast, ten runs were scored in the second game, which Chicago won.

Bob Feller shut out Philadelphia 2-0 in the 2nd game of a double-header, the fourth shutout of the year and his seventh win after landing 4-0 in the opener. It was Marchildon's fifth victory. It was Marchildon's fifth victory. It was Marchildon's fifth victory.

Mangrum Wins

Landover, Maryland, June 8.
Lloyd Mangrum, shooting six under par in the last round for a total of 269 for 72 holes, won the national capital open golf tournament here today.

Mangrum won it the hard way, completing the final round in pouring rain. His total score was 19 under par for 72 holes.

Mangrum, who will defend his open championship at St. Louis Country Club this week, became one of the strong favourites by his showing here, although his play in other tournaments had been very ordinary.

He won U.S.\$2,000 for first place.—United Press.

FRANCE'S SOCCER WIN
Lausanne, June 8.
Switzerland, who recently beat England, lost to France by two goals to one in an international soccer match before 34,000 spectators here today.

All the scoring occurred in the first half when Bleck scored for Switzerland, and Alpatov and Baratte for France.—Reuter.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 6.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.50 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

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